

From: [Jackson, Ryan](#)
To: [Coleman, Sam](#)
Cc: [Grantham, Nancy](#); [Gray, David](#); [Bowman, Liz](#); [Wagner, Kenneth](#); [Forsgren, Lee](#)
Subject: Re: Water
Date: Saturday, September 2, 2017 6:01:06 PM

Now?

Ryan Jackson
Chief of Staff
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On Sep 2, 2017, at 6:57 PM, Coleman, Sam <Coleman.Sam@epa.gov> wrote:

We should all talk sometime.

Samuel Coleman, P. E.,
Deputy Regional Administrator

214.665.2100 Ofc
214.665. 3110 Desk
214.665.2016 Cell

Coleman.sam@epa.gov

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On Sep 2, 2017, at 5:46 PM, Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov> wrote:

Below is what hq eoc water desk
sent to lee f

Thx ng

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: EOC Public Information
<EOC_Public_Information@epa.gov>
Date: September 2, 2017 at 5:03:44 PM EDT
To: "Grantham, Nancy" <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: Fw: Water

From: Forsgren, Lee
Sent: Saturday, September 2, 2017 4:59 PM
To: EOC Water
Cc: R6HarveyENVL; EOC Environmental Unit; EOC Public Information
Subject: Re: Superfund

This looks good to me

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On Sep 2, 2017, at 4:47 PM, EOC Water
<EOC_Water@epa.gov> wrote:

Please let me know if this is helpful:

- EPA and TCEQ are aware that releases of wastewater from sanitary sewers occur during major flood events. The Agencies actively work to monitor those facilities that have reported spills, as well as conducting outreach and providing technical guidance to all other wastewater facilities in flood-impacted areas.

- EPA water quality sampling plans for Hurricane Harvey flood water are focused on industrial facilities and hazardous waste sites. On Friday, Sept. 1, EPA collected surface water runoff samples downstream of the Arkema facility at four locations outside the exclusion zone near a residential area.

- EPA will continue to take additional samples of Hurricane Harvey flood water in the vicinity of the Arkema Plant to document changes in the concentration of chemicals, and will maintain a 24-hour presence at the incident command operations center.

- EPA is also developing a plan for sampling and monitoring residential wells, in case TCEQ requests assistance in conducting this mission.

Kevin Tingley

EOC Water Desk

From: Forsgren, Lee
Sent: Saturday, September 2, 2017 4:20:26 PM
To: EOC Water
Subject: Re: Superfund

Thanks

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 2, 2017, at 4:15 PM, EOC Water
<EOC_Water@epa.gov> wrote:

Lee,

I will get you a bullet or two soon.

Kevin Tingley

EOC Water Desk

From: Forsgren, Lee
Sent: Saturday, September 2,
2017 3:32:11 PM
To: EOC Water
Subject: Fwd: Superfund

Can you find anything that
would be helpful to this effort?

Lee

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Bowman,
Liz"
<Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>

Date: September 2,
2017 at 3:02:38 PM
EDT
To: "Gray, David"
<gray.david@epa.gov>,
"Coleman, Sam"
<Coleman.Sam@epa.gov>,
"Kelly, Albert"
<kelly.albert@epa.gov>,
"Wagner, Kenneth"
<wagner.kenneth@epa.gov>,
"Greenwalt, Sarah"
<greenwalt.sarah@epa.gov>,
"Forsgren, Lee"
<Forsgren.Lee@epa.gov>,
"Drinkard, Andrea"
<Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>

Cc: "Jackson, Ryan"
<jackson.ryan@epa.gov>,
"Grantham, Nancy"
<Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>,
"Graham, Amy"
<graham.amy@epa.gov>,
"Hewitt, James"
<hewitt.james@epa.gov>,
"Abboud, Michael"
<abboud.michael@epa.gov>

**Subject: FW:
Superfund**

Below is the
exchange that
spurred the AP
story today saying
that "no EPA
personnel were on
scene" at these
Superfunds. Now,
this reporter is
manufacturing this
in way that doesn't
do justice to the
hard-working folks
on the ground who
have been working
around the clock ...
but we need to get
ahead of this and
the next story,
which will likely be
about how we are
testing water
quality for drinking
and waste water
systems. Can you
guys get your

teams to pull
together a list of
each superfund site
in the area (30-33?)
and the status
report for each
site? We just need
a bullet or a
sentence for each
site.

Separately, we
need to get some
information about
exactly what we are
doing, when and
how, with regard to
water testing in
Houston. I am
copying the Water
folks here, so they
can also assist with
this information.

I am working on a
draft statement
now using the most
recent EOC report;
**but, please send us
additional details
on specific
Superfund sites
and water testing
details as soon as
possible – with the
next few hours, so
we can work that
into our**

statement.

I am going to
connect with TCEQ
so they know that
we are working on
this statement also.

Thank you for your
help and
assistance,
especially on a
Holiday weekend --
Liz

From: Graham,
Amy
Sent: Saturday,
September 2, 2017
2:51 PM
To: Bowman, Liz
<Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>

Subject: Fwd:
Superfund

Sent from my
iPhone

Begin forwarded
message:

From:

"Graham,
Amy"
<graham.amy@epa.gov>

Date:

September
1,
2017
at
1:53:27
PM
EDT

To:

"Biesecker,
Michael"
<MBiesecker@ap.org>,
"StClair,
Christie"
<StClair.Christie@epa.gov>

Cc:

Press
<Press@epa.gov>,
"Gray,
David"
<gray.david@epa.gov>

Subject:**RE:****Superfund**

That's
correct.
We will
begin
to
assess
other
sites
after

flood
waters
recede
in
those
areas.

From:

Biesecker,
Michael
[<mailto:MBiesecker@ap.org>]

Sent:

Friday,
September
1,
2017
1:09
PM

To:

Graham,
Amy
<graham.amy@epa.gov>;
StClair,
Christie
<StClair.Christie@epa.gov>

Cc:

Press
<Press@epa.gov>;
Gray,
David
<gray.david@epa.gov>

Subject:

RE:
Superfund

When
does
EPA
expect
it will
be able
to visit
and
assess
flooded
sites in
Houston
and
Port
Arthur?
After
the
floodwaters
waters
recede?

From:
Graham,
Amy
[<mailto:graham.amy@epa.gov>]

Sent:
Friday,
September
01,
2017
1:04 PM

To:
Biesecker,
Michael;
StClair,
Christie

Cc:
Press;
Gray,
David

Subject:
RE:
Superfund

Michael

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Unified
Command
personnel
inspected
two
Superfund
sites in
the
Corpus
Christi
area
yesterday.

Both
the
Falcon
Refinery
Site
and
the
Brine
Service
Site
show
no
significant
damage.
No
emergency
clean
up
response
for
storm
damage
is
needed
at the

two
sites.

From:

Biesecker,
Michael
[<mailto:MBiesecker@ap.org>]

Sent:

Friday,
September
1,
2017
12:14
PM

To:

StClair,
Christie
<StClair.Christie@epa.gov>;
Graham,
Amy
<graham.amy@epa.gov>

Cc:

Press
<Press@epa.gov>

Subject:

Superfund

Christie,
Amy,

Following
up
from

earlier
in the
week,
AP is
still
seeking
details
on
what
EPA is
doing
regarding
flooded
Superfund
sites.
EPA's
press
release
on
Wednesday
said
EPA is
"assesses
conditions
at the
NPL
Superfund
sites in
the
storm's
impact
area"
and
was
"began
rapid
assessments
at two
sites
that
are

accessible
after
floodwaters
have
receded
and
this
work
will
continue.”

Which
sites
were
those?
What
did
EPA
find?
Did
EPA
take
samples
to
determine
whether
contaminates
leached
out
into
floodwaters?
Were
more
sites
visited
and
assessed
on
Thursday?
How

many
people
has
EPA
assigned
to this
work?

I will
add
that AP
has
visited
three
Houston-
area
superfund
sites
yesterday.
All
were
still
heavily
flooded
and we
saw no
state
or
federal
personnel
there
(or
anyone
else).
We are
visiting
and
documenting
more
sites

today.

Michael



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Have a
tip for
the
Associated
Press?
We
have a
secure
way to
send it
to us,
anonymously.
Follow

this
link for
instructions:
www.ap.org/tips

AP is
the
essential
global
news
network,
delivering
fast,
unbiased
news
from
every
corner
of the
world
to all
media
platforms
and
formats.
Founded
in
1846,
AP
today
is the
largest
and
most
trusted
source
of
independent
news
and

information.


On any
given
day,
more
than
half
the
world's
population
sees
news
from
AP.

“There
are
only
two
forces
that
can
carry
light to
all
corners
of the
globe –
the sun
in the
heavens
and
The
Associated
Press
down
here.”
– Mark
Twain,
1906

"I go
with
Custer
and
will be
at the
death."


— AP
reporter
Mark
Kellogg's
final
dispatch
from
the
Battle
of the
Little
Bighorn,
1876

The
information
contained
in this
communication
is
intended
for the
use of
the
designated
recipients
named
above.
If the
reader
of this
communication
is not
the

intended
recipient,
you are
hereby
notified
that
you
have
received
this
communication
in
error,
and
that
any
review,
dissemination,
distribution
or
copying
of this
communication
is
strictly
prohibited.
If you
have
received
this
communication
in
error,
please
notify
The
Associated
Press
immediately
by
telephone
at
+1-212-621-1500,
and
delete
this
email.
Thank
you.

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Thank
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